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PASS AGRICULTURE FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE NEW EC SCHEME FOR PROCESSED FRUIT AND VE-
GETABLES

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1. MISSION OFFICERS MET WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN THE
DIRECTORATES-GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND AGRICULTURE AND
CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REF. A. WE REFERRED TO OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL UNDER DISCUSSION
TODAY AT THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG
(REF. C), STATED OUR OBJECTIONS TO IT, AND SAID THAT WE RE-
SERVED OUR GATT RIGHTS IF THE PROPOSAL WAS IMPLEMENTED, (REF
B).

2. MARMULLA, DIVISION CHIEF IN CHARGE OF AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS
AFFECTING RELATIONS WITH NON-MEMBER NATIONS, SAID THAT THE
PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY INCLUDES A MINIMUM IMPORT
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PRICE SYSTEM ONLY FOR TOMATO CONCENTRATE. HE SAID THE COMMIS-

SION FELT SECURE IN THE GATTABILITY OF THIS MECHANISM ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE U.S. HAS A BINDING ON THIS PRODUCT AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE U.S. TOOK A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE GATT-CONSISTENCY OF MIP'S. THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO PROPOSED COMMUNITY LICENSES FOR CANNED PEACHES, TOMATO AND CITRUS JUICES, PEELED TOMATOES, MUSHROOMS, PEARS AND PLUMS. SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES WOULD BE UNRESTRICTED, THEY WOULD OSTENSIBLY BE USED FOR RECORD KEEPING PURPOSES ONLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SAFEGUARD CLAUSE ACTION, STORAGE OR OTHER RELIEF MEASURES WOULD BE NECESSARY. MARMULLA REPRESENTED THE COMMISSION LICENSING PROPOSALS AS A STEP FORWARD FROM THE TREATMENT OF THESE PRODUCTS BY CERTAIN MEMBER STATES; WE COUNTERED THAT ON THE OTHER HAND LICENSING WOULD AFFECT IMPORTS INTO MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS.

3. MARMULLA SAID THAT THE COMMISSION FAVORS THE ELIMINATION OF ALL NATIONAL SYSTEMS, ALTHOUGH HE CONCEDED THAT THERE WERE INDEED PRESSURES IN ITALY, FOR EXAMPLE, TO RETAIN THEM FOR CITRUS JUICE. HE WOULD MAKE NO PREDICTION ON THE SHAPE OF THE FINAL DECISION.

4. WE ASKED THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO INSURE THAT THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATES ARE MADE AWARE OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS. GREENWALD

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